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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6847**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 323

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 3, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Boards of Voter Registration.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Nepotism and Board Members-* The bill provides that an appointed member of a board of registration may not be the county chairman or a relative of the county chairman who is making the appointment.

*Personnel Rules and Boards of Registration-* The bill provides that the personnel policies, rules, and procedures that apply to a county employee apply to a board of registration members and employees. The bill provides that a county fiscal body's approval is required for board of registration members and employees to participate in the benefits offered to county employees.

*Monroe and Tippecanoe Counties-* The bill repeals the chapter establishing the Tippecanoe County Board of Registration and Elections, and establishes a board of registration in Monroe and Tippecanoe Counties consisting of one member appointed by the county chairman of each of the major political parties of the county and the circuit court clerk, who serves as an ex officio board member.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Personnel Rules and Boards of Registration-* This provision would give the county fiscal body the option to provide members and employees of county boards of voter registration with insurance coverage and benefits similar to county employees. The impact of this provision

on local expenditures would depend on county fiscal body action.

*Monroe and Tippecanoe Counties-* Boards of registration would be allowed to have employees subject to the nomination and the consent of the county chairman. Expenditures required for salaries would depend on local action and be subject to approval by the county fiscal body.

*Background Information-* Monroe County had election expenses, including their election board totaling \$376,772 during FY 2010. Tippecanoe County had election expenses totaling \$271,546 during FY 2011.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Monroe County; Tippecanoe County.

**Information Sources:** State Board of Accounts annual financial reports, FY 2010.

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